Ghataprabha Left Bank Canal.

*Q.—520. Sri R. M. DESAI (Bilgi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when the Ghataprabha Left Bank Canal was started;

(b) how many stages does the Ghataprabha Valley Development Project consist;

(c) when the I stage was started;

(d) whether it is a fact that the then Government of Bombay started the Ghataprabha Left Bank Canal in the I stage as a protection Irrigation Scheme?

A.—Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister).—

(a) 24th June 1949.

(b) 3 stages.

(c) *Vide* reply to clause (a) above.

(d) Yes.

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*Q.—521. Sri R. M. DESAI (Bilgi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Ghataprabha Left Bank Canal as it now stands is a Kharif Canal;

(b) on what dates the water is made available in the Ghataprabha Left Bank Canal area;

(c) whether the water in the Ghataprabha Left Bank Canal is to be used for the crops already swon on rain-fed areas;

(d) whether they are awre that the Kharif seasonal sowing in the Ghataprabha Project area starts from 15th of May to 1st of June?

A.—Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Normally water is allowed from 15th June every year subject to the availability of water in the Dhupdal Weir. However, if sufficient quantity of water is available in the Dhupdal lake water is allowed even before 15th June.

(c) Yes. If the crops have been sown prior to letting out water and if rains are favourable. In other cases sowing is done on canal water.

(d) If rains are favourable sowing is done from 15th May to 7th June. Otherwise sowing has to be done by using canal water.